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## 10,000 PEOPLE PERISH IN ISLES OF THE PACIFIC

Society and Tuamotu Islands Visited By Cyclone.

## PAPEETE INUNDATED; BUILDINGS SWAMPED

Reports Place the Damage at \$5,000,000 to Tahiti and Adjacent Islands.

## HURRICANE REACHED TERRIFIC VELOCITY

American Consulate and French Government Building Among Those That Were Destroyed—Natives Had to Climb Trees.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 3.—The Evening Post states that 19,000 persons perished during the storm on Tahiti and adjacent islands, several of which, its account says, have disappeared. It places the damage at \$5,000,000. These reports have not been confirmed by the officers of the steamer Mariposa, which brought the news of the disaster from Papeete.

## Ships in Harbor Escape.

(By Associated Press.)  
PAPEETE, TAHITI, February 18.—Via San Francisco, March 3.—The most destructive cyclone ever experienced in the Society and Tuamotu Islands, occurred on February 7 and 8. The damage in Tahiti is estimated at \$1,000,000, and probably a similar amount of property was destroyed on the Tuamotu Islands. The city of Papeete was inundated and about 75 buildings destroyed, including the American Consulate and French Government building. The shipping in the harbor of Papeete, escaped injury to the direction of the wind, but fears are entertained for vessels which were cruising near the Tuamotu Islands.

It is feared that there has been heavy loss of life in the lagoons of Tuamotu Islands, though the death of the guardian of the quarantine station in Papeete is the only fatality yet reported.

The schooner Papeete, was submerged for an hour near Anaa, Tuamotu. Her captain, Philip Michelli, estimated that the waves were 50 feet high.

It was impossible to see twenty feet away. At 3 o'clock in the day time the sailors had to be lashed to the vessel. M. Marcardi, a French resident at Papeete, Tuamotu Islands, abandoned the place in a small cutter after all the government buildings and dwelling houses and the Catholic Church were swept away. Many of the natives climbed coconut trees and others put to sea in small boats. The schooner Ina, which was anchored in the lagoon at Makemo, successfully rode out the storm.

Bridges and roads were badly damaged on the island of Tahiti. Bread fruit, coconut, banana and plantain trees were blown down in great numbers which will result in hardships to the natives and materially affect commerce during the next two or three years. The French gunboat Zelee has gone to the Tuamotu Islands with supplies of food and fresh water. The British consul has appealed to his government for aid for 500 British subjects.

Some Americans have sustained heavy losses, and probably there will be a few instances of utter destitution. The Americans were hopeful of securing help from the United States. Money and food are required.

The cyclone, or hurricane, reached the velocity of 120 miles an hour. It struck the islands about midnight on February 7th and continued until 4 o'clock on the next afternoon. The island of Anaa, Tuamotu group, is believed to have been the center of the storm.

At Papeete, about 7 o'clock on the evening of February 7th, the sea began to break heavily over the reef, the waves in the harbor washing over the quay. There was no perceptible wind. Toward 10 o'clock people dwelling in the vicinity of the water front were compelled to abandon their homes, saving, as a rule, only a small portion of their belongings. The merchants and clerks went to the quay stores and warehouses only to discover that it was quite impossible to save goods on the lower floors. An hour later high seas broke, completely demolishing the government slip and buildings, besides causing great damage to the coal sheds. The guardian of the arsenal, Toffor Adams, an expert swimmer, was in the water for many hours and assisted in

## TRIED TO MURDER REV. DR. BUCHANAN

George Wade, a Resident of Associated Charity House, Shoots to Kill

## PISTOL WAS FIRED AT TEN-FOOT RANGE

Would-Be Murderer Escaped and Was Not Apprehended—Is a Resident of Richmond, and Bears Good Reputation—Escape Narrow.

One of the most unusual attempts at murder that ever happened in Richmond occurred last night at the Associated Charity House, when George Wade, a young white man, fired point blank at Rev. James Buchanan, general secretary of the association.

Fortunately, the bullet went high, and passing over the head of Dr. Buchanan, was embedded in the wall behind him. At eight o'clock in the evening Dr. Buchanan was sitting in his office in the Associated Charity House (the old Franklin Hotel) at Fourteenth and Franklin Streets, engaged in dictating letters to his secretary, Mr. R. N. Humphreys.

The door of the room was open, and as George Wade was passing, Mr. Humphreys called him in.

Wade had been for a year past, a lodger at the Ballard house, having rented a bed-room on one of the upper floors. He had defaced the walls of the room by cutting holes, and Mr. Humphreys, in making an inspection on yesterday morning, had discovered the injury to the property.

Rebucked By Minister.

When Wade entered the office, Mr. Humphreys turned to Dr. Buchanan and told him of the damage he had committed.

Dr. Buchanan then said to Wade: "What right did you have to figure the walls of your room, and why did you cut holes without first asking my permission?"

Wade replied that he would do as he pleased, and that it was none of Dr. Buchanan's business.

He continued his remarks and became so abusive and impudent that the general secretary ordered him to leave his office and told him to pack his belongings and leave the house.

Wade, still grumbling, left the room, shutting the door behind him, and Dr. Buchanan and Mr. Humphreys continued their work.

Not more than ten minutes had passed, when the door was suddenly pushed open, and Wade appeared in the doorway.

With one hand he held the knob of the door, while the other was concealed beneath his coat.

Mr. Humphreys, bending over a typewriter, did not look up, but Dr. Buchanan was sitting facing the door, not ten feet from the intruder.

Wade shouted:

"What did you mean by telling me to leave? and with the words still on his lips, drew a pistol from under his coat and fired at Dr. Buchanan.

As he fired, Wade slammed the door and ran rapidly into the street.

Bullet Imbedded in Wall.

The bullet, fired from a 22 caliber revolver, passed over Dr. Buchanan's head, just missing Mr. Humphreys, and struck the wall behind him.

Mr. Humphreys rushed after the would-be-murderer, but on reaching the street failed to discover him, and returning to the office, at once telephoned to the First Police Station, and notified Sergeant Kerse of the attempt made on the life of Dr. Buchanan. Officers bright and Atkinson were sent to the scene of the shooting, but could find no trace of Wade.

The noise of the firing produced great excitement throughout the Associated Charity House, as well as the neighborhood, and the office was soon filled with an agitated throng of people, who would doubtless, handled Wade roughly, if he had been caught.

His Room Padlocked.

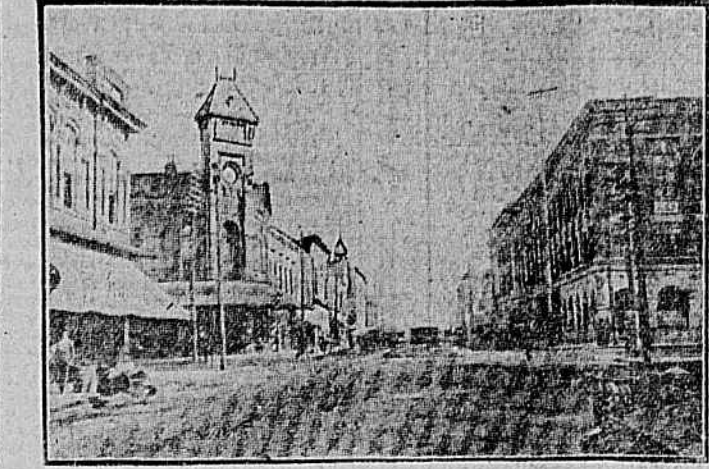
His room was visited, but it was found closed, with a padlock fastened to the door.

George Wade is twenty-four years of age, unmarried, 5 feet 7 inches in height, weighs 135 pounds and when last seen wore a golf cap, dark coat and waistcoat and light trousers.

He is employed by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company and bears a good reputation. He has rented a room for the past twelve months at the mission, and during all that time has been sober and quiet, but apparently eccentric.

Dr. Buchanan soon after the shooting went to the First Police Station, and swore out a warrant against Wade. When seen last night, Sergeant Kerse said that George Wade was a quiet and

## ONE OF PRINCIPAL STREETS, TWO WRECKED BUILDINGS, DIAGRAM SHOWING LOCATION OF MERIDIAN



Meridian is the most important manufacturing centre in Mississippi and has experienced rapid growth in recent years. Its population in 1900 was 14,650. It is the county seat of Lauderdale county, eighty-seven miles east of Jackson, on the Mobile and Ohio, the Queen and Crescent and the Southern Railway. Its chief industrial plants are cotton mills, cottonseed, oil mills and railroad machine shops.

Educationally the town is well-known as the seat of the East Mississippi Female College, the Lincoln School and the Meridian Academy, the last two for negroes. General Sherman destroyed the railroads, the shops and many residences in February, 1864.

## BLOWS OUT GAS; STOPS WEDDING

Edward S. Woodson, of Rockfish, Va., Makes Fatal Error on Eve of Marriage.

## RAN AWAY WITH MISS SMALL

Latter Now Prostrated in Washington Awaiting "One Word" From Home.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—Edward S. Woodson, the young man who came here from Rockfish, Va. Thursday night and blew out the gas in his room at the Benton Hotel, died at the Emergency Hospital this morning, ending the anticipated romance of a runaway couple.

Miss Lola Small, the intended bride of Woodson, remained at the Benton last night, and was looked after by the owner and guests of the hotel.

Miss Small did not seem to realize the seriousness of the condition of her prospective husband until this morning, when a telephone message was received at the hotel from the hospital announcing his death. Then she broke down and gave vent to her sorrow.

She was at a loss to know just what to do. She had run a way from her home she said, without any reason for it, other than a desire to see Washington and get married, without subjecting the young man to the necessity of asking the consent of her parents. Miss Small is not acquainted in this city, and had no friends upon whom she could call for aid and consolation, but the friends she had made in the hotel proved to be all she could desire.

No response has been received from the dispatch sent to Virginia yesterday, and the absence of a message from home caused Miss Small additional worry. "If I could only hear from home," she said, "I would feel relieved, but this suspense is awful."

Yesterday afternoon, Miss Small visited the Emergency Hospital for the purpose of seeing the patient, hoping he had regained consciousness, but when told that he was still under the influence of the poison, she said she did not care to go to his room. Woodson did not regain consciousness before he died.

Granger Quits Race for Chairmanship

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 3.—Representative Granger, of Rhode Island, withdrew to-day from the race for the chairmanship of the Democratic congressional campaign committee. This practically insures the election of Representative Griggs, of Georgia, who is now the only avowed candidate for the office.



## PROFESSOR SNEAD BURNED TO DEATH

His Clothing Ignited From Pouring Oil on Fire From a Lamp.

## GOT IN BED TO SMOOTHER FIRE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHRISTIANBURG, VA., March 3.—Professor Wardlaw Snead, of Monticemy College, was fatally burned yesterday, while attempting to start fire in a stove by pouring oil from a lamp. His clothing was ignited, and he jumped in bed to smother the flames, and screamed for help, but despite the assistance rendered and efforts of physicians he died in agony last night.

He was thirty years old, and a graduate of Vanderbilt University.

His home was in Tennessee. He leaves a wife and infant child.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina—Fair and colder Sunday; Monday, fair; fresh west winds.

Conditions Yesterday.

Richmond's weather yesterday was moderate and rainy. Range of the thermometer:

9 A. M. .... 55 5 P. M. .... 56  
12 M. .... 62 9 P. M. .... 54  
3 P. M. .... 62 12 midnight .... 50  
(Average) .... 62

Highest temperature yesterday .... 64  
Lowest temperature yesterday .... 49  
Mean temperature yesterday .... 56  
Normal temperature for March .... 49  
Departure from normal temperature .... 07

Thermometer This Day Last Year

9 A. M. .... 33 5 P. M. .... 47  
12 M. .... 43 9 P. M. .... 45  
3 P. M. .... 45 12 midnight .... 34  
(Average) .... 43 1-2

Condition: in Important Cities.

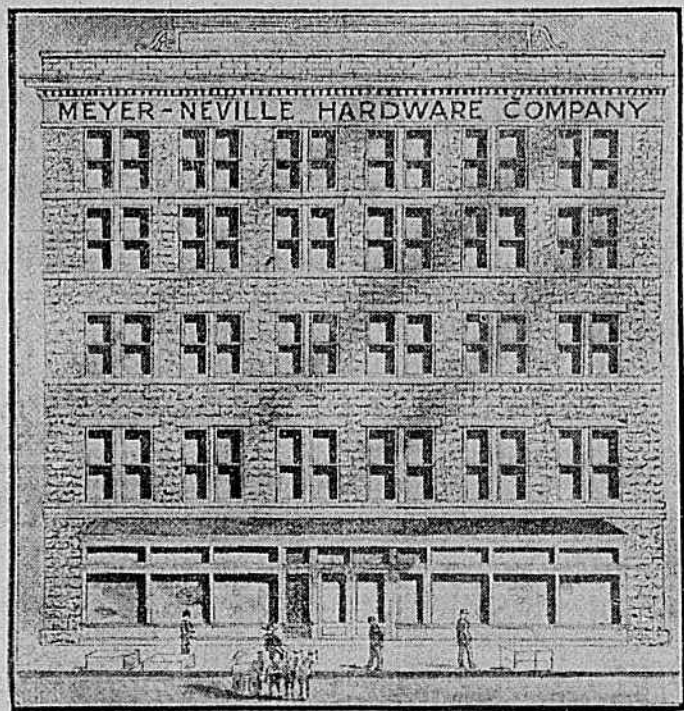
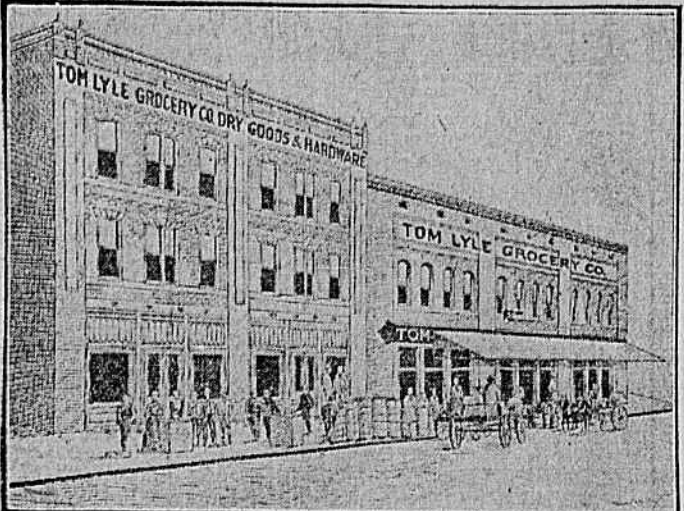
Place (At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Ashville, N. C. .... 45 Rain  
Augusta .... 70 Rain  
Atlanta, Ga. .... 52 Clear  
Charlotte .... 56 Rain  
Chicago, Ill. .... 66 Rain  
Cincinnati, O. .... 40 Rain  
Cleveland, O. .... 32 Rain  
Dallas, Tex. .... 50 Clear  
Detroit, Mich. .... 44 Clear  
Pittsburgh, Pa. .... 54 Rain  
St. Louis, Mo. .... 54 Rain  
Savannah, Ga. .... 66 Rain  
St. Paul, Minn. .... 21 Rain  
Tampa, Fla. .... 61 Rain  
Washington .... 55 Rain

Miniature Almanac.

Sun rises .... 6:39  
Sun sets .... 6:05  
Moon sets .... 2:00

March 4, 1906.  
HIGH TIDE, Morning 11:35  
Evening 5:00



## TO INVESTIGATE HOSPITAL AT ONCE

Likely That Committee Will Go to Williamsburg When Legislature Adjourns.

## SENSATIONAL STORIES OUT

Much Interesting Discussion Going on in Legislative Circles—The Resolution.

By unanimous vote the Senate yesterday adopted a joint-resolution offered by Mr. Sadler, of Powhatan, providing for a recess investigation of the entire management of the Eastern State Hospital.

An effort will be made to have the board of inquiry appointed at once, so that arrangements may be perfected to go to Williamsburg next week immediately after the General Assembly adjourns, and begin the investigation at once. It is the particular desire of those interested in the matter to "strike while the iron is hot," as a result of the recent Clowes hearings. Mr. Sadler will likely be a member of the board, and Delegate Ould, who will father the resolution in the House, will probably be another member. Mr. Ould was formerly a director of the Eastern State Hospital and is in close touch with asylum affairs.

Highly sensational stories concerning the hospital are being discussed in legislative circles, and the investigation, if it proceeds along these lines, may develop some startling stories.

Sadler Resolution.

The Sadler resolution, outlining the manner in which the inquiry will be conducted, is as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), that a committee shall be appointed, consisting of three members of the Senate,

## LIVELY DEBATE ON VOTING TRUSTS

Senator Phlegar's Bill Under Discussion Yesterday in Senate.

## VIRGINIA MUST HANDS OFF

Senator Unwilling for State to Mix Up With Ryan-Wilson Fight.

Voting trusts as a modern commercial development, their power for good, if guarded and their propensity to evil unless bridled, were discussed at some length on the floor of the State Senate yesterday, bringing up a number of important considerations, chief among which in popular interest, though incidental to the broad proposition, was a demand from Judge Phlegar, of Montgomery, that the General Assembly, of Virginia shall not permit itself to be drawn into a bitter personal controversy between Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, and John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, over the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Continuing through nearly two hours, the debate, as the time for the adjournment neared, was not more than half through, and the matter went over until Monday, when the fight will be resumed with renewed vigor. As heretofore pointed out, both sides are seeking to limit the operations of the trust, but while Judge Phlegar stops at this point, Mr. Sears, of Mathews, attempts to go back of the Catton validating act, of 1903, and permit the courts to deal with trusts existing before that date now safe under the law. It is at this point that the question of the Williams-Ryan feud enters, and it was here that Judge Phlegar made his attack, declaring that the squabble was no affair of the State, and

Approached With a Roar.

The tornado which played such frightful havoc, appeared in the southwest at 6:27 o'clock last evening. A low, funnel-shaped cloud was seen to form near the city. A heavy downpour of rain had been falling, when suddenly the humidity became intense. With a roar that could be heard a great distance, the storm approached from the southwest and descended upon the city. The greatest loss of life is reported from the east end, in what is known as the "Cotton Mill" set.

## CONVICTS AID IN RECOVERING BODIES OF DEAD

Governor Vardman is in Command and Martial Law is Declared.

## CHAOS REIGNS IN WAKE OF CYCLONE

Legislature and Private Citizens Rush With Purses and Persons to Relief of Meridian.

## GREAT PROPERTY LOSS BY STORM AND FIRE

Stricken City Had Always Considered Itself Tornado-Proof, Yet Sowshee Valley Was Crossed By a Terrible Tempest.

(By Associated Press.)  
MERIDIAN, MISS., March 3.—Nineteen people are known to have been killed as a result of the tornado which swept over a section of this city shortly after six o'clock last evening. Twenty-four persons were injured and property with an estimated value of one million dollars was demolished or otherwise damaged. Many sensational reports were sent out from here of an appalling loss of life, due probably to the chaotic conditions of affairs immediately following the visitation of the storm, but to-night, after a careful canvass of the situation, the following list of dead appears to be complete:

Casualties.

Whites—B. F. ELMIRA, restaurant proprietor.

PATRICK MCGINNESS, conductor on Mobile and Ohio, killed at Elmira's restaurant.

CLIFF EDWARDS, farmer, Mobile and Ohio, killed at Elmira's restaurant.

J. P. TARRY, policeman, killed in Thornton's transfer stable.

W. B. NELSON, killed in Thornton's transfer stable.

MRS. ELIA SINGLETON, and Miss granddaughter, killed in East End.

JOHN P. SMITH, engineer, killed at Elmira's restaurant.

MR. STEWART and little son, of Cottondale.

CLAUDE WILLIAMS, bookkeeper, Meyers-Neville Hardware Company, found in debris.

Negroes—Unknown negro man and little child, charred remains found in "Bucktown."

TOM BAINERY and child, killed at fertilizer factory.

Unknown negro woman, killed near fertilizer factory.

CLARK GARGETOWN, injured—William Yarborough, Brisson, La., slightly; W. Joseph, of Tennessee, buck hurt; Mrs. Stewart and daughter, of Georgetown; Ben Sharkman, a negro express driver, leg broken; unknown negro woman and child; William Donovan, slightly hurt; J. H. Adams, brakeman for the "Frisco Railroad, collarbone broken and bruised about body; negro waiter at Grand Avenue Hotel, badly injured; Collier Carr, bruised on head and body.

Relief for the Needy.

A mass-meeting of citizens of Meridian was called to-day and \$8,000 was immediately subscribed to aid the destitute and injured. The Mississippi Legislature, in session at Jackson, to-day appropriated \$5,000 to the relief fund. Governor Vardman at noon secured a special train, and loading it with convicts from the Reformatory at Farmington, dispatched it at once to Meridian. The city now enjoys the unique spectacle of State convicts aiding in the rescue work.

Hunter George, president of the Board of Trade, was made chairman of the General Relief Committee, and J. A. Donovan was elected secretary. Business is practically suspended and every citizen is giving his best effort toward alleviating the suffering of many poor people.

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## ROSTRUP REVIEWS THE WEEK'S NEWS.

